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Statement

Mayama welcomes the 2016 High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council aimed to review countries' progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should focus on the greatness of its outreach all over the world, by which the voices of all are included, especially those of children and youth.

The recent adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals marks an important step forward for the United Nations and its Member States to achieve a more just and liveable world for children and youth by 2030. This adoption calls upon the international community and other stakeholders to take action and initiate efforts to adopt comprehensive frameworks at the national level to prevent children from suffering violations to their human rights. It is in our interest to maintain collective efforts towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Mexico, as this represents the first National Review of our country during the High-Level Political Forum.

Mayama recognizes that poverty, violence, school dropout rates and lack of identity are among some of the greatest obstacles to global advancement and well-being of children and youth in Mexico. As such, it is essential to include all social actors in the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Open and transparent review processes should be established, in which non-state actors are fully included as part of an inclusive, transformative and innovative system where policies translate into action at the national level. We consider the importance of working together in the construction of platforms that allow non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders a wider and democratic participation in initiatives that support national and local efforts towards the full realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially those related to children: 1, 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17.

Stakeholders working at the grassroots level such as Mayama can provide valuable input on children's human rights and human development processes in national and local Sustainable Development Goals' review mechanisms. Our closeness and proximity to the main issues children and youth face in our country can provide alternative and creative solutions to socioeconomic problems that affect youth in the region.

The High-Level Political Forum should serve as a global platform to expand the participation of all stakeholders in the implementation and follow-up mechanisms of the Sustainable Development Goals at all levels. Through the sharing of best practices from non-governmental organizations working in the field, especially through the help of innovative educational programs that further human development such as Mayama, we are certain that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be adequately achieved and implemented in the next 15 years.

Mayama works hand-in-hand with the United Nations and other stakeholders to build a better world for children by 2030 and we look forward to the outcomes of the High-Level Political Forum's first National Reviews, in order to continue to work collectively for improvement, implementation, monitoring and reviewing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.